# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:98
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2016
Kidney Trade
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of illegal trade in kidney reported recently in Delhi and other hospitals in the country;

(b) whether the prevalence of illegal organ trade is a result of increasing gap between the demand and supply of organs for transplants across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bridge this gap including re-visiting and revising guidelines for cadaver-based donations for the benefit of patients in urgent need of transplants?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Yes.

(b) The huge gap between the availability of and requirement for organs contributes to the illegal trade in human organs.

(c) Health is a State subject. However, the Government of India has, in close cooperation with the States, taken a number of steps to increase donation of cadaver organs to bridge the gap between the demand for and supply of organs and to save the lives of a large number of persons suffering from end stage organ failure. The Government of India has, as part of the National Organ Transplant Programmes, set up an apex national level organization namely National Organs and Tissues Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) at New Delhi to promote retrieval of organs and tissues. Updated information on organ donation related areas is made available to the general public on NOTTO website. NOTTO has a 24x7 call centre with toll free helpline number (1800114770) and a National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Registry has also been launched. Financial assistance has also been sanctioned for establishing four Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTO) in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Assam and Chandigarh. Organ donation awareness programmes and training of transplant coordinators, etc have been taken up in a big way.

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